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# RANCHO SANTIAGO COLLEGE

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# College braces for economic crunch

## Campus leaders forecast lean budgetary times

By Debi Carr  
*el Don Editor in Chief*

Faced with a spiraling state deficit, RSC administrators and faculty are implementing plans to decide which areas will need to be cutback should the state suffer further economic damage.

Although administrators don't foresee cutbacks for this academic year, many are concerned about the college's 1992/93 fiscal budget.

Trustee Pete Maddox said "I don't think people really realize how severe the economic crisis is in California. Between 300,000-400,000 jobs have been lost in this state and we may realize as many as 750,000. There has been a mass exodus of businesses going to other states, and we still have immigrants coming in. "The governor has completely forgotten about business."

Although there were discrepancies over the augmentation from the state for the growth of the Orange campus, Maddox says he

thinks the augmentation came in about \$2 million less than the college had expected and we only received \$1.4 million.

He added, "My feeling is, we're in for some tough economic times. The state will have to cut its education budget."

Maddox believes that RSC employees are in better shape than most other districts, but he does foresee a major cut in 1992.

Shirley Ralston, president of RSCCD trustees, said she thinks it is premature to consider major cutbacks until more is known about what the state is planning. She said, "Several things may influence the severity

of any cuts. For instance, lower lottery revenues or the suspension of Prop.98. "They'll be looking at the problem as a best case, worse case scenario."

Ralston added, "[The college] will work for the least impact on students and full-time faculty."

According to Robert Putman, secretary of the Academic senate, faculty members are preparing for cuts. "Financial adjustments will have to be made this year and next" because of the lottery, state and problems in the district with population growth. "The

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## O.C. residents dissatisfied with high cost of living

**While more southern Californians are unhappy with the quality of life, and the stagnate economy, few have stepped forward with suggestions for change**

By Audre Soifer  
*el Don Staff Writer*

A recent survey showed that Orange County residents are less happy with the way things are progressing in the County today, than they were a decade ago.

The authors, Mark Baldassare, UC Irvine social ecology professor, and co-director of the 1991 Orange County Annual Survey, along with UCI research associate Cheryl Katz, reflected pessimism about the future in all areas.

The high cost of medical care was a high concern. People are afraid they will be ruined financially in the event of a catastrophic illness. The costs for medical care are skyrocketing with no end in sight.

In 1982, forty-five percent of those surveyed rated Orange County public schools as "excellent" or "good." The ratings in this year's survey dropped to only twenty-eight percent. Marks for city government also were on the decline, from forty-eight percent to thirty-nine percent.

South County residents were happier with the levels of public services they were receiving. This may be due to the fact that, with the increase in population in this area, services were being located closer to these residents.

In 1982, forty-seven percent of those polled regarding their jobs said they were very satisfied. The 1991 survey stated that only thirty-nine percent were very satisfied.

In general, people are concerned with the quality of life for themselves and their children. Jobs are being lost with companies moving out of the area due to high costs of operation, taxes, land and rentals. Day-to-day living costs are also increasing faster than personal income is rising.

The 1982 survey was conducted during one of the worst economic times in County history since World War II. Baldassare said, "Even though there was substantial unemployment and the real estate market was fairly weak that year, I think there was greater hope and greater optimism about where things were going than there is today."

Further, Baldassare said, "1991 respondents revealed an "across-the-board decline" in satisfaction with housing, neighborhoods, jobs, finances and public services." The county's population has grown twenty-two percent from 1982 to 1991 to an estimated 2,453,300. This fact alone indicates that there has been a greater demand for all county services.

Several RSC students were questioned recently regarding the economic condition of Orange County. Leo Schwab's son attends school in Fountain Valley. Schwab stated he was very disappointed with the school system and that his son did almost no homework, yet he got A's. He wasn't challenged and was bored. Schwab added that his son hasn't had to write one paper in the past two years. What irritated Schwab the most was that his son's

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50th Anniversary

Pearl Harbor

# A Day of Infamy

December 7, 1941-1991

## Through the eyes of a survivor

By Jerry Marlow

**R**ichard I. Fiske was only 19 when he witnessed the early morning raid on Pearl Harbor, 50 years ago this month. These days Fiske is an active member of Aloha Chapter 1, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, who spends his Fridays retelling the story of that tragic day...



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## College Wire

### Condoms Accompany AIDS Newspaper Series

PENSACOLA, Fla. (CPS)-Students who picked up a copy of the student newspaper at Pensacola Junior College on Nov. 6 found a surprise attached - a free condom.

The condoms went with a package of stories and editorials about AIDS, sexually transmitted disease and unwanted pregnancy.

The newspapers were distributed at the college's three campuses in Pensacola, Milton and Warrington.

Student government leaders criticized the paper, The Corsair, for the move and called it a publicity stunt. But the editors said they were trying to make a statement that condoms will help prevent the spread of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

### Lotteries Aren't Beneficial, Professors Say

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (CPS)-Three University of North Florida professors have written a book that says state lotteries aren't what they're cracked up to be.

In "The Economic Consequences of State Lotteries," Mary Borg, Paul Mason and Stephen Shapiro write that lottery systems are so flawed they actually siphon funds from other state revenue sources.

The book concludes that for every dollar a state earns from the lottery, it loses 23 cents in sales or excise tax items players would have bought if they weren't spending the money on a lottery ticket.

The book bases its findings on a random sample of 439 Floridians.

### Feds Crack Down On Popular Weight-Loss Company

WASHINGTON (CPS)-The Federal Trade Commission has fined a weight-loss company and a skin cream company because of false claims about their products.

On Oct. 30 the FTC fined Nu-Day Enterprises, Inc., makers of the Nu-Day Diet Program, \$30,000 for two false claims.

Nu-Day Diet had falsely advertised that its company completed 100,000 clinic trials of the product and falsely claimed that the diet plan alters metabolism so that weight will not be regained after completion of the meal substitution program.

In the skin cream case, the FTC fined St. Ives Laboratories, Inc. for deceptively labeling and marketing its Retinyl A skin cream as having the same effect as Retin A, a prescription anti-acne medication that reduces wrinkles.

The FTC said St. Ives has agreed to stop marketing the product with its deceptive labels and will pay a \$100,000 fine.

## College life not always happy life

28 percent of all college students have experienced the death of a family member in the last 12 months

By Karen Neustadt  
Special to the el Don

(CPS)-College life, most would agree, is hardly the smoothest of life's transitions. According to a Kansas State University professor, it's not the happiest for many, either.

David Balk says he was surprised to find that many college students are grieving the deaths of family members and friends.

When Balk surveyed Kansas State University student about their lifestyles in 1990, he discovered that 28 percent of the students reported that a family member had died in the previous 12 months.

The professor of human development and family studies was so astonished by his findings that he ran a second survey - this time, with a different set of students.

The result was the same. Further, 45 percent of those surveyed reported losing a family member in the previous 24 months.

Both of Balk's surveys also reflected that 44 percent of the students said that a friend had died in the previous 12 months, and a whopping 66 percent reported the death of a friend in the previous 24

months.

The professor believes the unspoken reality of grief is a hidden problem on most U.S. campuses. "I would be very surprised to find that KSU had a much higher, or lower incidence than other campuses," he says.

Balk, who received a grant to conduct a two-year study through the National Institute of Mental Health, says he is interested in finding out how college students cope with the death of a family member or friend, and how the grieving process can be made easier for them. Many students don't believe they have an outlet to sort through their feelings, he said.

The professor, surprised at the number of students who responded to an advertisement placed in the school newspaper, formed several social support groups, run by graduate assistants, that met twice weekly for four weeks.

The groups were so successful that students requested that they remain together after the project study was completed.

"The group seems to have a positive effect. They said they appreciated the experience, though at the time it is very painful," says Balk. "One of the things is that they learn they don't have to keep such tight control. It's okay to start feeling and get upset."

Other students who have not

experienced loss and are separate from the bereavement study also are being studied. The control group has been evaluated on stress, and the results are compared with those in the bereavement group.

Balk says he thinks students who have suffered a loss develop more resources than those who haven't. "I suspect there are changes in people, and (the death) becomes a major reference point, and they return to it again and again."

Although people sympathize with a bereaved student, Balk says outsiders often underestimate the intensity or duration of grief.

"The idea of being over it completely in a year is just not true," says the professor, who also says that some students found the study too painful to participate.

Balk, often referred to teasingly as "Dr. Death," says he would like to pursue a study on how the grieving process changes people.

"I'd like to help identify changes, like moral development, or career choice changes. One of the things that has emerged is the immune system is very vulnerable during grieving. We even have a lower blood count."

The professor says that people in this society are often impatient with the grieving process.

"We expect to get things resolved in minutes," he says. "We are unwilling to spend time on things."

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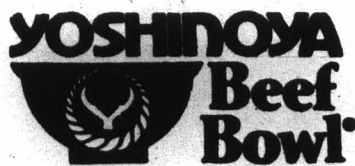
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## BUDGET:

Lingering recession forces college to tighten belt

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district collects a subsidy of 80 percent. The state put a cap on community colleges and if new students are added, the district must finance them."

"The state agreed to build the Orange campus, knowing the college would be taking on more students. And eventually the state will augment us for the increase, but for now, it may cost us some money," he said. "This is a year to control costs."

"We have a good surplus and a growing population. Growing, but frozen in respect to state funds, Putman said. "We spend \$60 million each year."

"Faculty members are preparing for an average of 3-5 percent reductions," he added. "But, while some departments might have to reduce by 6-7 percent, others may not experience any cutbacks."

Both Maddox and Putman think that more planning strategies need to be implemented and both consider new Chancellor Vivian Blevins a pro communications and planning skills advocate; a virtue which they say has been largely non-existent in recent years.

Mike Shannon, chapter president of the California School Employee Association, speaking for classified employees said, "There have been no proposals for cutbacks on anything."

The board says we will get a 2.12 percent retroactive raise to 1990 and a 2.12 percent raise retroactive to July of this year."

He said Steve Garcia, vice chancellor of fiscal and business affairs, is working to try to "increase health benefits to employees by up to as much as 40 percent."

According to Shannon, Rancho Santiago is one of the few financially well-off districts with "an 8-9 percent reserve which is almost triple by law and is double what the board wants the district to keep." He said, "The district is over budget in two areas of unrestricted money. One of the areas has a \$6 million dollar surplus."

## Dance faculty steppin' out at annual concert

Claudia Saucedo  
el Don Feature Editor

As Rancho Santiago's Annual Faculty Dance Concert approaches, faculty and students are preparing to show off their talents in a variety of dance styles including ballet, modern, jazz and tap.

Dance Department Chair and Concert Production Director Sylvia Turner says that the dance concert allows the students to receive "positive feedback from a performance experience in front of a live audience."

Veteran dancers who have performed extensively with outside dance troupes and less experienced performers, some of whom had careers before discovering dance, will participate.

"I Feel Like a Cosmonaut," created and choreographed by Eve Kikawa, was inspired by a news story about the Cosmonauts, who were in orbit during the failed coup last fall. Kikawa says she wanted to express her image of the Soviet Union's current situation, to show the audience her ideas of daily Soviet life through scenes of food lines and Gorbachev.

The dancers will be accompanied by the music of Zruki Mu, a Russian rock group.

Kikawa says she enjoyed putting, "I Feel Like a Cosmonaut," together, "taking the visual images that impact our lives and enhance and mold them for future remembrance."

Jazz dancers Melissa Algosio, Candice and Lando Silva, and Robin Hoffman are among students who will perform at the concert. They have been dancing in the Rancho Santiago dance program for a few years. They say that they participate in the concert for the

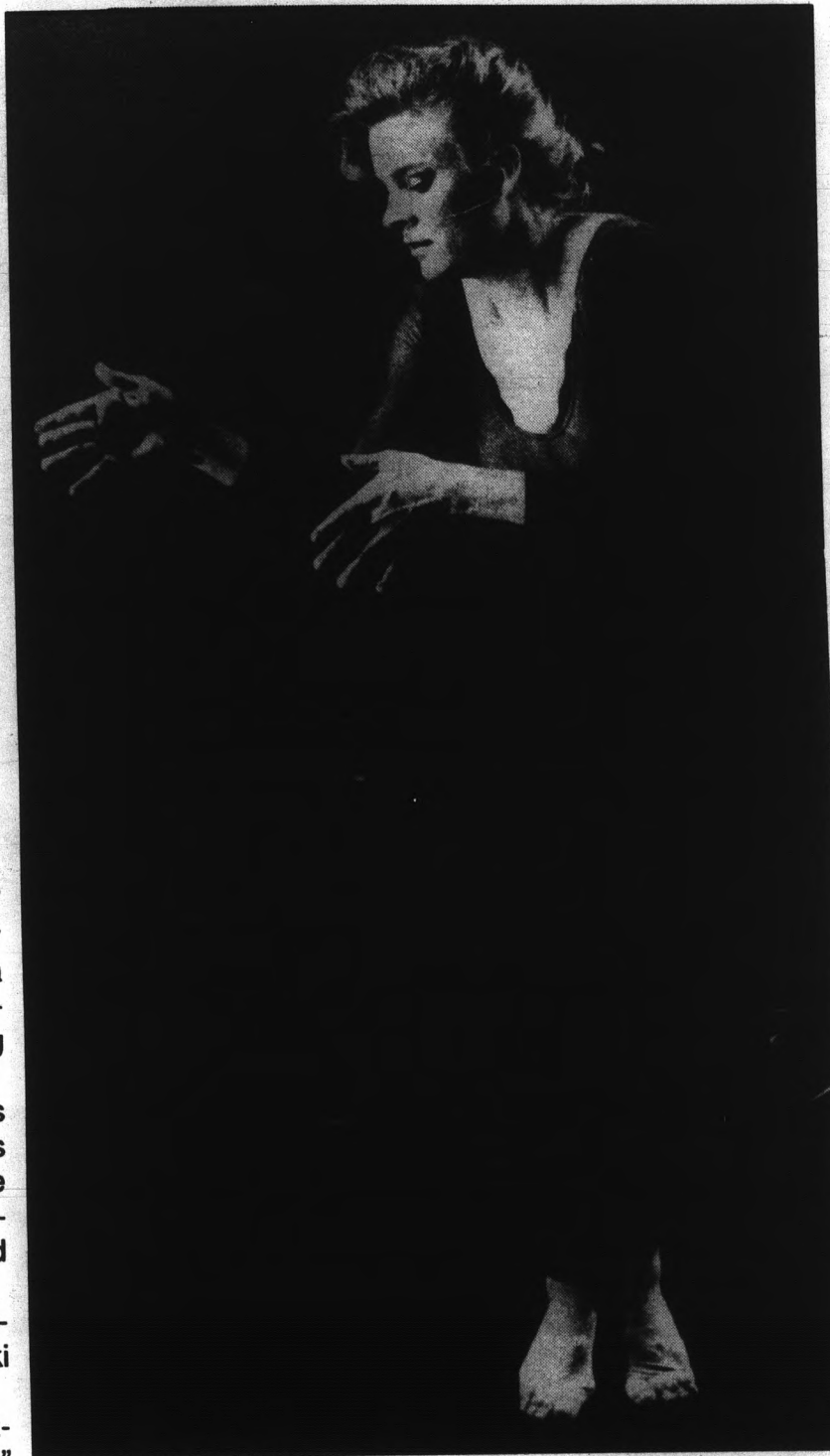


Photo by Matt Myers

Diana Stanton appears in Gaia, Choreographed by Katherine Steadman.

sheer fun of it.

Candice Silva says the dance program at RSC is more technical than that of most dance studios.

Other faculty members who will perform are Marjorie Goldzband in a jazz solo and Jeff Hendrix and Laura Insley in a 1950's duet in the style of Fred

Astaire. Hendrix will also perform a jazz solo, "Pink Panther."

The concert will be held tonight and tomorrow night at 8, and Sunday at 2:30 p.m., in Phillips Hall, Santa Ana campus. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, \$6 for students and children.

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## COST: many believe there should be a national referendum for health care

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tests were only true or false questions. One student said she was amazed she graduated from high school with only an eighth grade spelling level.

Tammy Sloan, a teacher, said classes are too large and that it was time for parents to take part in the education of their children. Sloan said parents should sit down with their children, go over their homework and take part in school activities.

Another student commented that there needs to be a solid basic liberal arts education to at least ensure all students have a good general knowledge education.

On the subject of crime and drugs, John Hefler, a police officer, said "Gangs, crime, drugs will always be here. It's hard for the police

department to work double shifts when there are cuts in funds and more officers can't be hired." Hefler said California doesn't have enough officers protecting its citizens. He said that on average there should be one officer to every 200 citizens. In Orange County, there is one police officer to every thousand citizens.

Susan Warden works for McDonnell Douglas. She loves her job but thinks that she may be laid off soon. Warden said between 8,000 to 12,000 jobs will have been lost from McDonnell Douglas between last year and next April. She thinks aerospace can't remain competitive with foreign markets.

The workers in Taiwan can do the job a lot cheaper since their salaries are not as high as most American salaries. Environmental restrictions and costs of doing busi-

ness in Southern California are also forcing businesses to look elsewhere.

Troy Meier, a communications major, believes that communications is where the jobs will be in the future. It is estimated that seventy percent of the jobs will be information based. Gabrielle Baitx said that her job was phased out due to video taping for the clients of the company she worked for.

Another hot topic was that of transportation and getting around in Orange County. Another student said people want to make the effort to change and rideshare, but it isn't safe to ride your bike due to accidents and getting mugged, not to mention the condition of the roads.

It was a general consensus that in order to get people to travel alternately by bus, the bus company

should make the schedules conducive to getting to work on time.

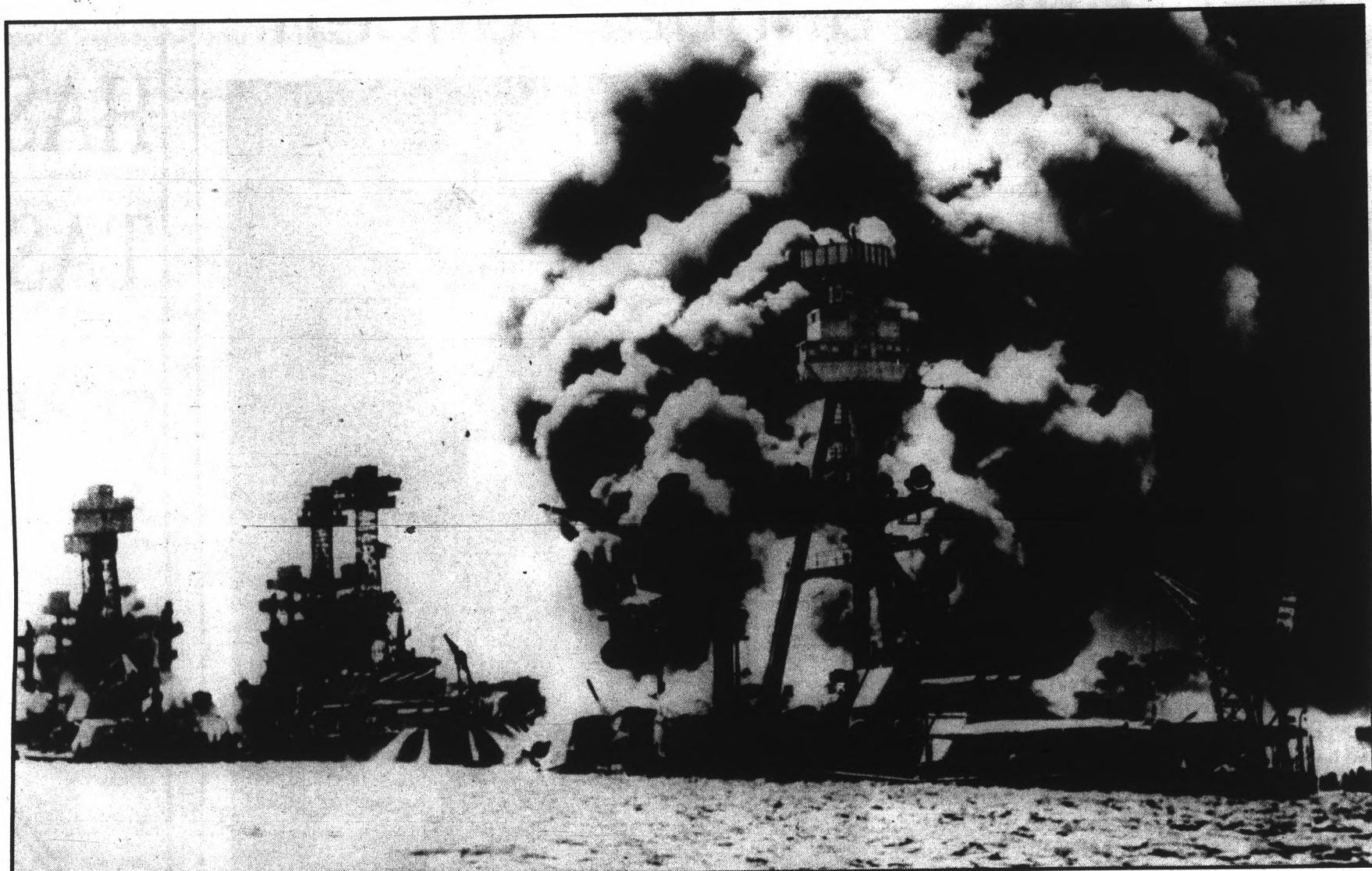
Medical costs were considered by all those surveyed to be too high. They think there should be a national referendum for health care to pay for the basics. The government needs to find a way to educate people. There also needs to be a ceiling on medical costs. Everyone should have affordable medical insurance.

Karla Roque said Orange County was the worst in regards to the cost of living and that housing costs were way too high. This was forcing people to leave the area. Affordable housing is one hundred miles away and it then takes two hours to drive to work.

Rising costs and dissatisfaction with the quality of life in general are major issues with residents in the County.



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Special Report



USS Arizona in foreground was a total loss, taking with her the lives of 1,177 men

## Pearl Harbor

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Rescue party freeing trapped sailors from hull of capsized USS Oklahoma in foreground.

**I**n the early morning hours of Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor laid peaceful and quiet. Ninety-six U.S. Navy vessels were in port that day. "Battleship Row" consisted of eight dreadnoughts anchored alongside Ford Island.

Standing watch on the bridge of USS West Virginia was Pvt. Richard I. Fiske, 19, a bugler for the United States Marine Corps. From the bridge of his battleship he could clearly see the Oklahoma off the bow, the Tennessee to the starboard, and the Arizona off the stern.

At 7:55 a.m. the silence was broken with the sound of Japanese bombers attacking overhead. The Oklahoma, struck by three torpedoes, began to list heavily to port. The West Virginia took several torpedoes and two heavy bombs.

Looking out from the bridge of his stricken vessel, Fiske could see smoke and destruction everywhere. Then, immediately following the impact of an armor piercing bomb, which penetrated the forward magazines of the Arizona, he witnessed that ship being destroyed in a fiery explosion just fifty feet to the stern of his ship. Looking off the bow of the West Virginia, he saw the Oklahoma capsize and sink in seven minutes.

By this time he was as frightened as a 19-year-old boy could be. In all of the

confusion, he didn't remember hearing "General Quarters," the Navy command to report to battle stations. An explosion suddenly racked the bridge of the West Virginia. The captain of the great battleship, standing just five feet from him, was killed by a bomb. Shortly afterwards, the order was given to abandon ship and Fiske swam away from the sinking vessel.

The first wave of Japanese planes left a devastating blow on the battlewagons anchored off of Ford Island. After the second wave of planes completed their deadly task, the U.S. Navy suffered the loss of 18 ships and 2,008 officers and men.

The Red Cross in Hawaii quickly ran out of blood to administer to the injured. When the madam of Honolulu and her working girls found out about the problem, they began donating all the blood they could. When the Red Cross ran out of containers for blood, Coca Cola bottles were sterilized and used. Thanks to these women, many of our military men were saved that day.

Survivors of the West Virginia were temporarily put up in a warehouse on Ford Island until their ship could be raised and salvaged later. Fiske suffered the loss of many of his fellow crew members and friends from other ships. Two of his

buddies, who had attended boot camp with him, were lost on the Arizona. One of his best friends was one of many who went down on the West Virginia.

On the nights to follow, survivors on the island could hear noises coming from the twisted hulls of the battleships sunk in the harbor. The West Virginia's hull and main deck were underwater with only her superstructure remaining visible. The Oklahoma was capsized with only a small section of her bottom exposed on the surface.

Two days later, a group of men were cut out of that hull. Fiske was there and said that one survivor who surveyed the destruction said, "So who in the hell won?"

For two and a half weeks, Fiske and his surviving crew members were haunted at night by the sound of tapping coming from somewhere within the burnt wreckage of the West Virginia. The Navy searched the hull daily in an effort to locate the trapped men. Their efforts were in vain as they went through compartment after compartment. The rescue attempt was called off in late December, when the noises from within the ship stopped. On June 14, 1942, the bodies of three sailors were finally pulled from the wreckage. The men had been keeping track of the days they were sealed in the hull by marking a calendar. The last day recorded was Dec. 24.

The West Virginia was later raised, rebuilt and did see war again, as were many of the ships sunk or damaged on that early December morning. The Arizona was a total loss, taking with her the lives of 1,177 men.

Today a memorial stands over the wreck, which rests under 40 feet of water. Inscribed on a marble wall within the memorial shrine are the names of the men who died with the ship.

Thousands of people from around the world visit the Arizona each day. If you visit the memorial on a Friday, chances are, you may run into Fiske who now works as a volunteer for the National Park Service. He carries a scrapbook containing old photographs and memorabilia from his service days. He will be glad to give you his eye witness account of that "Day of Infamy." Fiske's career didn't end with World War II; he also served in Korea and Vietnam.

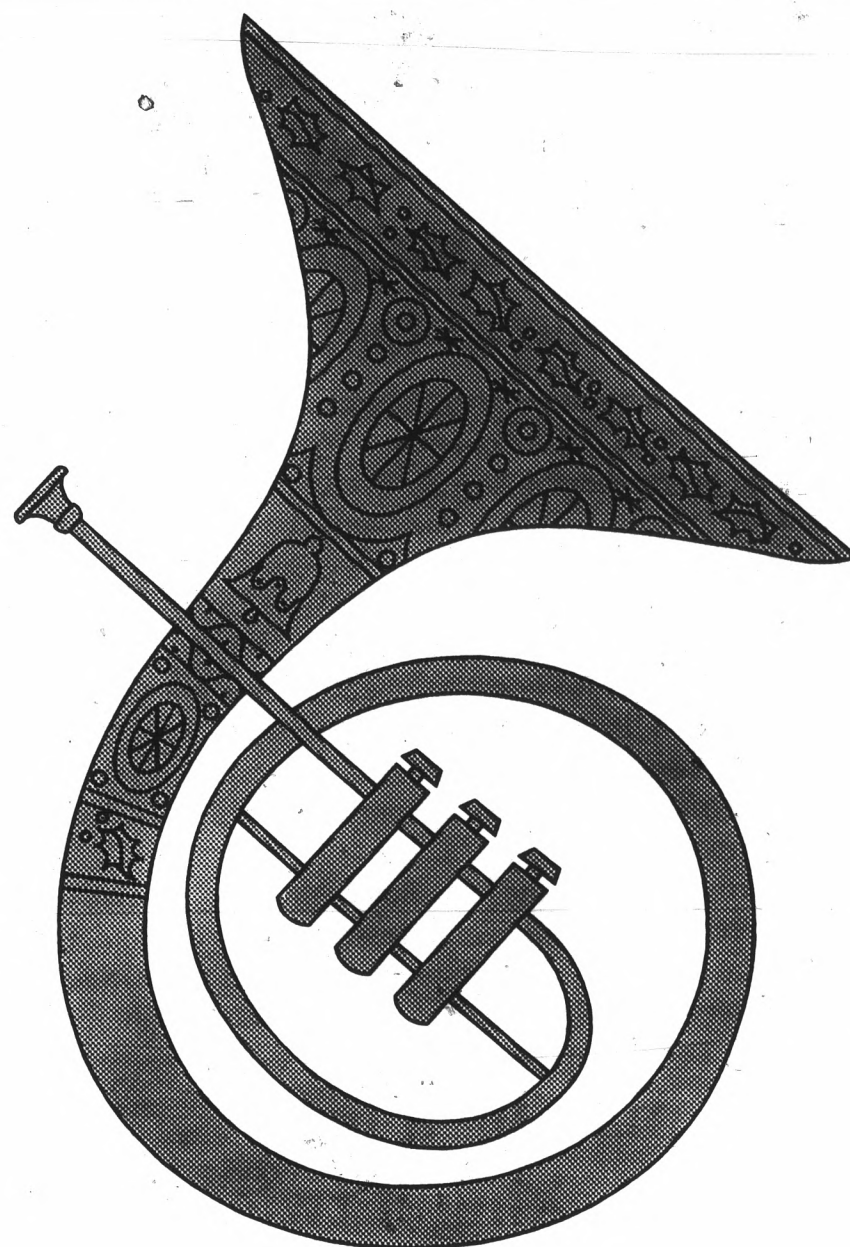
Recently, Fiske and another Pearl Harbor survivor initiated plans to build an additional memorial at the Harbor. This memorial, when completed will list the names of all the servicemen killed and the ships for which they served.

As he talked to people about that disastrous day Fiske said, "This could be a wonderful place to live if we didn't have to build memorials."



# All you need for Christmas...

■ A comprehensive guide of what to get, where to get it and how much to pay for your holiday shopping sprees



# A

s students we always seem to be short on money, and with the gift giving season approaching, the Krumes and Clark investigative team set out to see how far our dollar could go.

Our search for Christmas gifts took us on a shopping tour of Southern California. We scoured the shopping scene from San Diego to Los Angeles to find the best bargains.

We decided to break down shopping locations into three categories: Outlet centers, shopping malls and membership warehouses.

Outlet centers offer brand name products like Nike, Anne Klein and Lenox at reduced prices. However, most outlet stores are quite a distance away and generally require the entire day to shop and drive the miles.

Another drawback to shopping at outlet malls is that some of the merchandise is irregular or damaged so make sure to look through it carefully.

Outlet centers can be economical if you

know what you are looking for, and have looked at prices elsewhere.

If it's specialty and department stores you want in one stop then the local shopping malls are the place to go.

Parking is difficult at times, but some of the malls, like the South Coast Plaza offer valet parking for a small fee, which really helps to save on the wear and tear of your feet.

The most conveniently located shopping mall for RSC students is Main Place. It is less than a 10 minute drive from the Santa Ana campus and easy for students to swing by after classes or for a lunch break. Plenty of free parking is available including the Union Bank parking structure north of the mall.

A great place to find gifts at low prices without having to drive the distance of the outlet malls are membership warehouses like Pace and Price Club.

For those hard-to-buy-for people there are always the handy gift certificates. The malls all offer their own gift certificate

that is good for any store in the mall. For the movie fan you need to buy for, check your local theater for gift certificates.

An unusual gift suggestion for those people who have everything is a Beatles tie. There are many to choose from with prints that represent Beatles songs. They're new this season and available at The Broadway for \$27.50.

Pace is offering a personalized custom made calendar for that special person you need to buy for. Your personal pictures are reproduced to make a twelve month calendar for \$39.95 plus tax.

Another gift that never fails is a Chia Pet which is reasonably priced for \$12.95 at Builders Emporium.

At the end of our expedition we found that it is possible to find great gifts at reasonable prices. You just have to take the time and do a little comparison shopping.

-By Doreen Clark and Lisa Krumes  
el Don Staff Writers

## Checking Our Lists

### Our Top 5 Wish List

- Norelco Lift and Cut 955RX Rechargeable Razor  
Pace \$74.99/Target \$81.99/Best \$79.94
- Nintendo Gameboy  
Price Club \$79.99/Fedco \$84.97/K-Mart \$99.97
- Mattel Wedding Fantasy Barbie  
Toy Liquidators (Outlet) \$19.99/Fedco \$24.97/K-Mart \$24.99
- Men's Cologne:  
Drakkar 3.4 oz. eau de toilette  
Pace \$32.99/May Company \$40.00
- Ralph Lauren Polo 1.5 oz.  
Ralph Lauren Outlet Store (Barstow) \$22.00/May Company \$25.00

### Bestseller Books

- Scarlett - Alexandra Ripley  
Price Club \$13.99/Crown Books \$14.97/Waldenbooks \$21.21
- Under Fire - Oliver North

- Price Club \$13.99/Pace \$14.39/Target \$22.50/Waldenbooks \$22.50
- Needful Things - Stephen King  
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### Stocking Stuffers

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(Compare to K-Mart \$24.90)
- Disney's Classic Fantasia videotape  
Price Club \$14.98
- Mattel Cinderella Barbie  
Price Club \$13.95
- Men's leather wallets

- The Leather Loft (Outlet malls) starting at \$8.99
- Sweater De-Fuzzer - shaves fuzzies off without harming sweaters  
Stagecoach (Orange Mall) \$10.00
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Builders Emporium \$12.95
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-Information compiled by  
Doreen Clark and Lisa Krumes



## Staff Editorials

Free at last, free at last,  
praise God Almighty,  
they're free at last . . .

The Western hostages, their families and loved ones have received the best gift imaginable. We join with people of good will everywhere in saying "Welcome home!"

Our joy over the freeing of the captives, however, is mixed with anger.

The men were as much prisoners of American adventurism as they were of their Shiite "hosts."

By trading arms for hostages, the Reagan-Bush Administration showed that kidnapping Americans can be good business. After freeing their hostages and receiving the ransom payments, the Muslim "fundamentalists" proceeded to abduct more Westerners.

One former hostage, the Rev. Benjamin Weir, has said that he would rather have not been released than to have another person take his place. We sincerely hope that the release of Terry Anderson marks the end of an era, not the beginning of a new round of kidnapping.

We're making a list . . .  
we're checking it twice . . .

Imagine, if you will, you had the power to give any gift you wanted, to whomever you wanted, for the holidays. What would you give? And to whom would you give it? Here are some of our suggestions:

To President Bush — a domestic policy. To the democratic party — the ability to run an intelligent and determined presidential campaign. To the American people — a "kinder, gentler" president.

To Louisiana state legislator David Duke — a day living life as a black man.

To California Gov. Pete Wilson — \$100 for every broken campaign promise (that should make him a wealthy man).

To Mikhail Gorbachev — at least one republic which does not wish to secede from the Soviet Union.

To former presidential chief of staff John Sununu — a limousine ride, paid for at taxpayers' expense, to the unemployment office.

To the freed hostages — all the special moments they missed in their families lives while in captivity.

To college students — unlimited funding for schools, modern equipment, dedicated instructors and full scholarships. To college instructors — students eager to learn, respect and a salary commensurate with their responsibilities.

To drunk drivers — cab fare home and the good sense to know when to use it.

To Gene Autry — a world series championship for the California Angels. To Rams fans — a new owner. To Laker owner Dr. Jerry Buss — the LA Rams. To Dodger fans — a case of permanent laryngitis to Dodger announcer Ross Porter and a solid pitching staff.

Now that we're finished delivering our gifts, it's time for a rest. Happy holidays!

Election  
might be  
interesting  
after all

PAUL D. HUGHES

Curiouser and curiouser.

Just when you think there's nothing left to talk about in American politics, Pat Buchanan runs for president. Or Mario Cuomo threatens to.

Two months ago, I declared George Bush the winner of next year's election, primarily by default. When the Democrats began to fall all over themselves trying to put their best man forward, it was discovered that they do not have anyone that fits that description.

Then David Duke ran for governor. The GOP held its breath. He lost. And the GOP relaxed again.

But the recession goes on, despite George Bush declaring it over. He also told us that the War in the Gulf was supposed to take care of Saddam Hussein. Mr. Bush should be sure to not quit his day job.

In about 11 months, however, it appears slightly possible that sixty million voters will ask him to step down anyway.

Now 11 months is a long time in politics, and literally anything is possible. Herewith the most interesting of those possibilities.

Conservative political commentator, columnist, and former Reagan staffer Pat Buchanan is expected to announce that he will run in the



New Hampshire primary in February.

Buchanan will, at the very least, add some spice to the Republican primaries. Both New Hampshire and Buchanan are very conservative.

The understood reason for his entering the race is that Bush is not conservative enough. Now that statement makes the Democrats gasp, but Buchanan's move has pleased them no end.

They are visualizing a possible Republican convention fight next summer; no incumbent president running for re-election wants that.

David Duke, recently defeated in Louisiana has made some noises about entering a few Southern primaries.

Though trounced in Louisiana, he garnered 700,000 votes, 100,000 more than in his senate race two years ago.

Now he could, with relative ease, enter five primaries in the deep South. Giving humanity the benefit of the doubt, always a risky move, Duke could nonetheless reasonably expect to convince 2 million of his fellow Southerners

to vote for him.

We are no longer talking about winning elections, but earning delegates to the convention. Duke could go into the convention with several hundred delegates.

And consider New York. Mario Cuomo says he is running, and then says he isn't. Then he repeats the process. Then he wants us to believe he will be a decisive leader.

New York has a huge deficit, no infrastructure, rampant crime, and Cuomo as governor. Nobody is quite sure which is the most serious problem.

One certainty is that if Cuomo runs, New Yorkers will rejoice, as will the GOP. He will run on his record, which is lousy. The Republicans will trounce him, and New York will be rid of him.

A final note on New York and the campaign thus far. There is an official Conservative Party in New York. There is also a Right-To-Life Party. Together they can muster 30% of a primary vote. And Pat Buchanan would have their support.

This could be an interesting campaign after all.

## News Analysis

California Appeals Court okays  
discrimination by pious landlords

W. S. THOMBLISON

If you don't want to live by Mom and Dad's rules, you can always move out. But would you be free to live as you see fit? Not if a recent decision by the California Court of Appeals is upheld.

The court ruled that landlords John and Agnes Donahue have a right to refuse to rent an apartment to an unmarried couple. The Donahues, who are Roman Catholics, thought that the couple would be living in sin.

The court, in an opinion written by Associate Justice Roger W. Boren, said that the Donahues had violated California's Fair Employment and Housing Act but also said that that was all right, because their right to religious freedom outweighed the potential tenants' right to fair treatment in the housing market.

I always thought religious liberty meant freedom to worship as you pleased, not freedom to persecute others.

Last year, in *Employment Division v. Smith*, the U.S. Supreme Court said, "To make an individual's obligation to obey . . . a law contingent upon the law's coinci-

dence with his religious beliefs . . . permitting him, by virtue of his beliefs, 'to become a law unto himself' . . . contradicts both constitutional tradition and common sense." Yet that is exactly what the California court did in the *Donahue* case.

If Roman Catholic landlords can refuse to rent to unmarried people, can they also refuse to rent to married couples who practice birth control? Can Baptists refuse to rent to Jews? Mormons to blacks? Can Presbyterians refuse to rent to anybody who is not one of the elect?

Of course, there is no reason landlords should have all the fun. If they can refuse to rent to unmarried couples, shouldn't employers be allowed to avoid "aiding and abetting" sinners by refusing them jobs?

In the *Smith* case, the high court said, "The right of free exercise, does not relieve an individual of the obligation to comply with a 'valid and [religiously] neutral law of general applicability on the ground that the law proscribes (or prescribes) conduct that his religion proscribes (or proscribes).'"

In the *Donahue* case, the Appeals Court avoided this rule by the sophistry of finding that the

California Fair Housing and Employment Act violated state constitutional provisions, rather than the U.S. Constitution.

There may be another reason why the two courts applied different rules in *Donahue* and *Smith*. In *Smith*, the issue was whether American Indians have the right to use peyote in religious ceremonies.

I suspect that the majority of one court didn't approve of drug-use, even in centuries-old religious ceremonies, the majority on the other didn't approve of co-habitation, despite its legally protected status, and so advanced different principles of constitutional interpretation to arrive at the results they wanted.

The result of the two rulings, taken together, seems to be that you can violate the law if your conscience dictates, but only if by doing so you harm other people. Or that you can't violate the law to practice your own religion but you can violate it to persecute those who don't practice it. Perhaps the real rule, however, is that whether your rights, religious or otherwise, will be protected by the courts ultimately depends on whether the judges approve of what you do with those rights.

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## Biology &amp; the Bible

## Will Capo Valley teacher make a monkey of state's pro-evolution statute?

PAUL D. HUGHES

**C**APISTRANO Valley Unified School District biology teacher John Peloza is suing the district for \$5 million. He claims, as many who file such suits claim, that his civil rights were violated.

The issues addressed are far-reaching indeed.

The lawsuit is only the most recent salvo in a long-running battle between Peloza and the school district. At the foundation of the dispute is the California state requirement that only evolution be taught in public school science classes.

Peloza is a Christian and believes strongly in the creation theory of the origin of the universe as described in Genesis—the first book of both the Jewish Pentateuch and the Christian Old Testament.

Peloza asserts that an intelligent Creator is responsible for the formation and maintenance of the universe, this planet and its inhabitants.

And therein lies the problem.

State regulations state that evolution is the only theory that can be taught as regards the origin of the universe. Peloza says that this is the intellectual equivalent of hiding one's head in the sand because evolution is only a theory.

Peloza is not alone. In the book *Intellectuals Speak Out on God*, top scientists, biologists, physicists, researchers, and thinkers from around the world detail the manifold difficulties—even errors—in the theory of evolution. NASA scientist Robert Jastrow, though himself an agnostic, provides a very powerful refutation of that theory.

It is easily defensible that creation and evolution should be considered equals previous to any debate on their merits. They are both theories. Further, it is not logically permissible to dismiss creation out of hand—for instance, by saying that there is no such thing as an intelligent Creator—before the discussion even starts.

The problem arises because of the state mandate. It says that only evolution is to be taught. Peloza says that this is not right in an atmosphere that is supposed to engender learning and a desire to know the truth.

In this case the state is wrong, and Peloza is wrong too. The state simply looks silly in trying to claim moral high ground here. Evolution is a theory and the state wants to believe otherwise. This is their legal right.

But Peloza is also wrong in filing the lawsuit. He is certainly free to follow the dictates of his conscience and his Lord. He must, however, accept the consequences of his actions. This, too, would be in keeping with obedience to God.

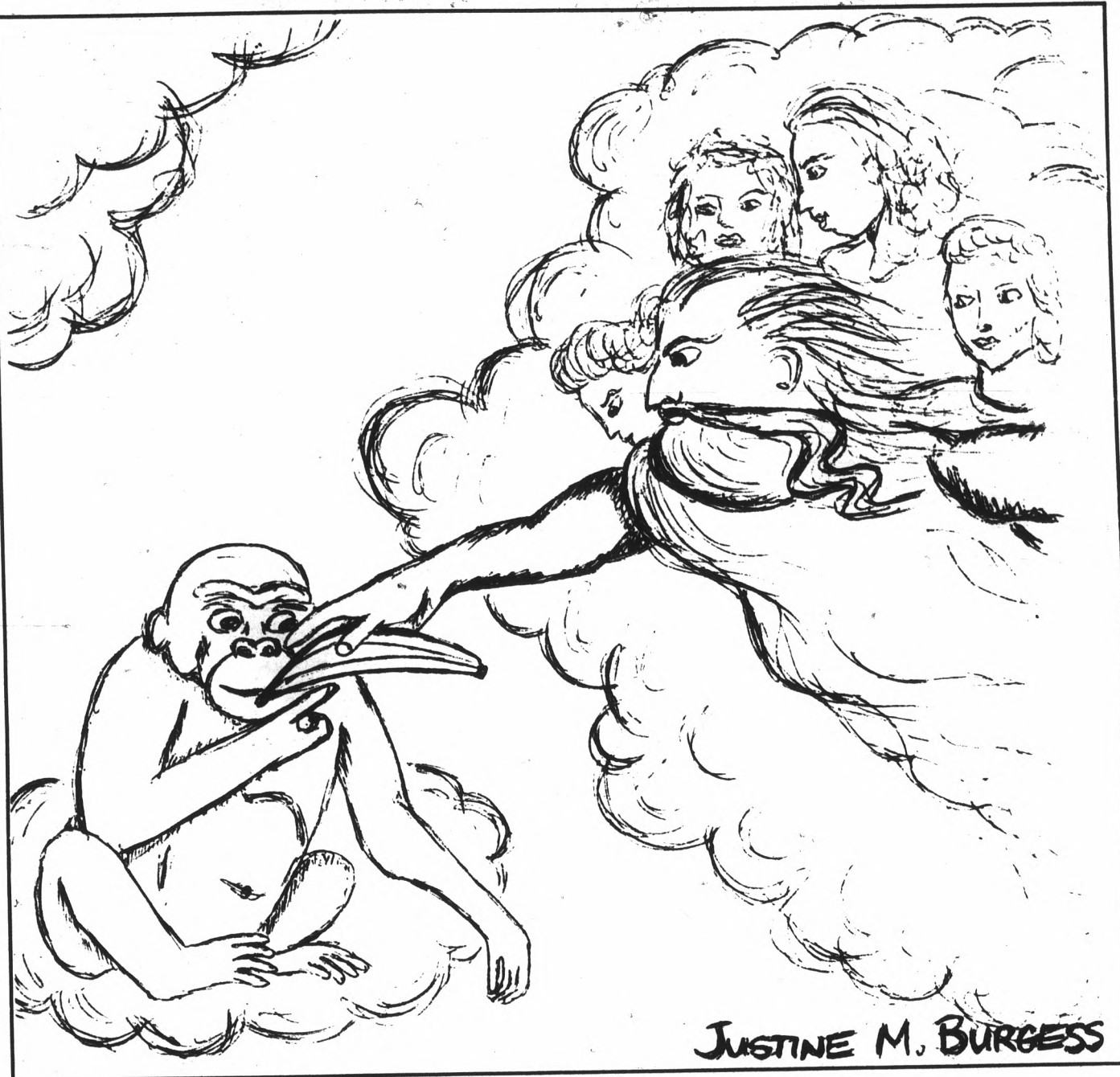
At the very least, he could make it known that if he wins the suit, the money will, after expenses, go to a worthy charity, or some other cause.

As it stands, Peloza's right to speak the truth should be upheld. The right of the state, however, to make and enforce laws will prevail.

Christians, as John Peloza would undoubtedly say, have a duty to speak the truth. Their first duty, however, is to eternal things: God, the Word of God and the souls of men.

In the case of a biology classroom in south Orange County, John Peloza could consider how much more effective he might be were other avenues to be explored.

And perhaps there are other pursuits, higher goals, and bigger, more important hills to die on than the one he has chosen.



## Biology & the Bible

### Creationism is a religious tenet that unsuccessfully apes genuine science

W. S. THOMBLISON

**R**ELIGIOUS fanatics are trying to foist their views on unsuspecting school children. They want what they take to be the Biblical view of the origin of the species to be taught as an alternative to the scientific one.

For years, fundamentalist Christians tried to keep organic evolution from being taught in public schools. But after the US Supreme Court voided an Arkansas law that prohibited teaching "the doctrine or theory that mankind ascended or descended from a lower order of animals," they started pleading for tolerance and open-mindedness.

Unable to keep science out of the schools, they now insist that their interpretation of Genesis is not a religious view, but a science... "Creation Science," and therefore deserves a place of honor (and a place in the classroom) beside organic evolution. Saying it's a science, however, does not make it one.

Creationists are quick to say that natural selection is just a theory. If by this they mean that it can't be conclusively proved, they are certainly right. The theory of organic evolution can never be conclusively proved for the simple reason that no question of fact can ever be conclusively proved. But creationists seem to think that because organic evolution can't be proved to the diehard skeptic's satisfaction, their "theory" must be just as good.

Unprovable claims do not have equal scientific value. Esteemed philosopher Karl Popper argues that the distinguishing mark of a scientific theory is that it is at least potentially refutable—that there are possible experiences which are incompatible with it. One of the problems with theories of natural selection is that they are compatible with a great many things, and hence have little predictive value—we can't really say what current species will evolve into. But natural selection isn't compatible with

everything. It would be refuted if it were impossible to develop different strains of livestock by artificial selection. Creationism, however, cannot be refuted.

Creationists do not merely claim that God created the world (a point on which many evolutionists would agree), but that Genesis provides an accurate account of how He did it. This, one might suppose, is a theory that not only is refutable in principle, but one that has actually been refuted. But, as Popper warned, a theory can be "immunized" against criticism. That is what the creationists have done with the Biblical accounts. If they cannot simply deny the facts that would refute their favorite theory, they come up with a new version of what the Bible "really" says. Just for fun, ask a fundamentalist to explain 1 Kings 7:23, where the value of  $\pi$  is given as 3.0.

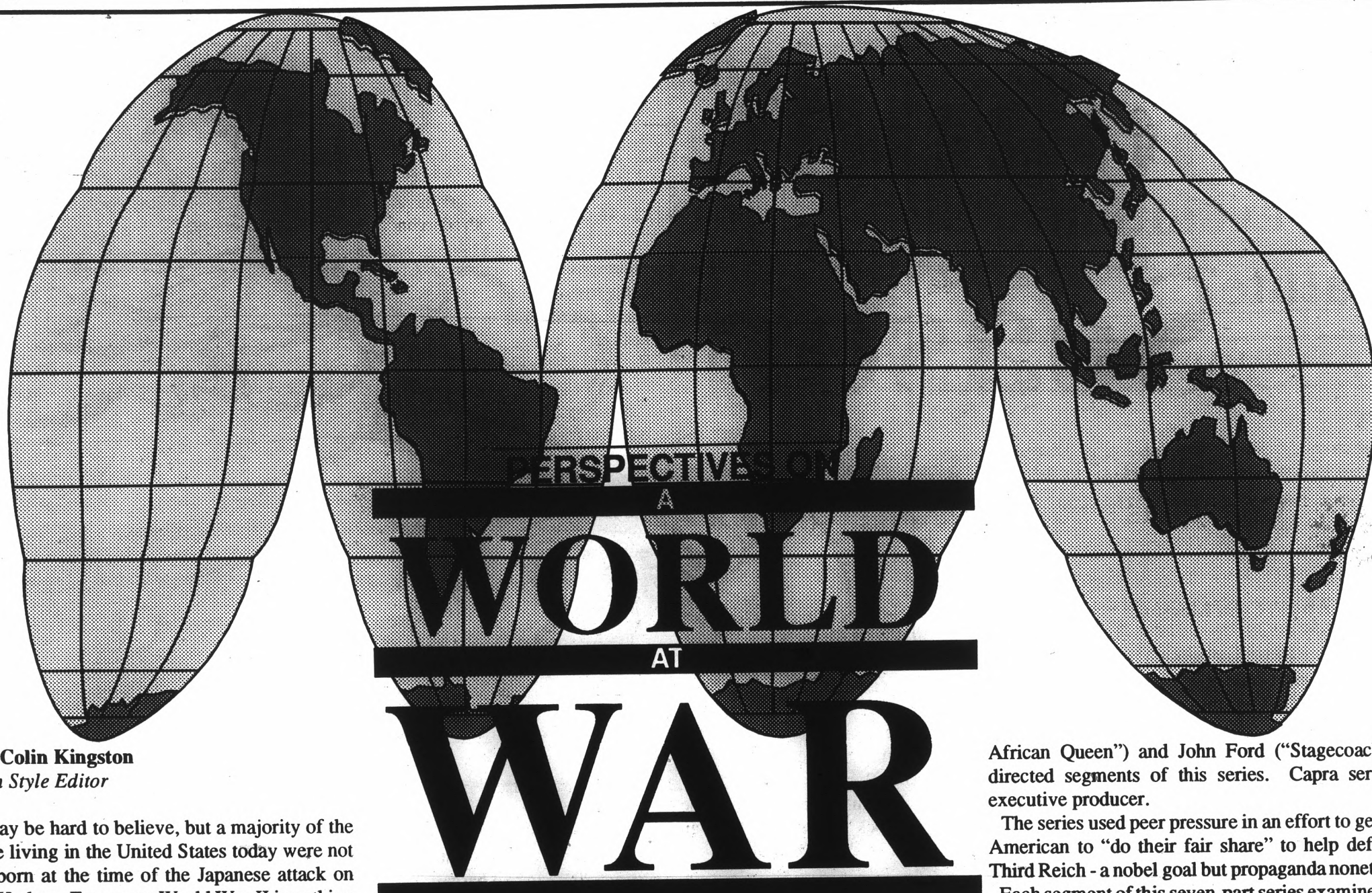
What really seems to upset creationists, however, is not that science cannot use God as a hypothesis, but that it cannot arrive at God as a conclusion. These days, most theists who, like doubting Thomas, insist on some sort of proof to justify their faith, argue that the natural world shows evidence of design, and hence of a Designer. This argument was refuted long before Darwin was born. But the theory of natural selection gives us an additional reason for rejecting it, by showing that plants and animals can be well-suited to their environments without resorting to a designer outside nature itself.

Ironically, by insisting that people must accept their account of creation to really believe in God, the creationists may prove a stumbling block to faith in God.

Another irony is that many creationists, in their haste to turn Genesis into a scientific text, miss its important religious messages.

In Genesis 2, for example, God makes man a gardener in his garden, a caretaker over his world. Yet some fundamentalists believe it's alright to trash their Father's world, since he will destroy it soon, anyway. Most evolutionists, whatever their religious beliefs, know better.





By F. Colin Kingston  
el Don Style Editor

It may be hard to believe, but a majority of the people living in the United States today were not even born at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. For many, World War II is nothing more than history books and old newsreel footage not first hand experience. Thanks to the video revolution, however, first hand accounts of the war are as close as your local video store or library. Here are two such videos worth watching.

"The World at War" is a 26-part video series and is the most comprehensive documentation of the war ever put on film. Produced by Thames Television, it is comparable in excellence to the recent PBS series "The Civil War."

Each chapter in this series takes you through a different aspect of the war. Subjects range from Hitler's rise to power to the German concentration camps to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the dropping of the atomic bomb.

The series blends interviews with participants from all sides of the war (including former Nazis), newsreel footage and radio reports of the time. Much of the footage, particularly that of the death camps, is gruesome but it helps remind us of the horrors of war and why it should be avoided.

If there is one flaw in this series it is that it tends to focus quite heavily on the British viewpoint. However, since the series was produced by and for British television it is a flaw

that can be overlooked.

The late Sir Laurence Olivier served as narrator of this award-winning series, first aired on United States television in the 1970s. Each episode is approximately 52 minutes in length. Because it is an informational video the rental price is only \$1.25 per day - an unforgettable history lesson at a bargain price.

Another World War II documentary series worth watching is "Why We Fight." "Why We Fight" is one of the most moving documentary series ever produced - it is also pure propaganda. The series was created by the United States government to help weaken the isolationist movement in the U.S. prior to World War II.

The series was originally released in theaters by the War Department Army Pictorial Service under the "Education and Information Division." What isn't in the film credits, however, and what the American public didn't know at the time, was that the series was actually produced and directed by some of the greatest names in Hollywood history. Frank Capra ("It's A Wonderful Life"), John Houston ("The

African Queen") and John Ford ("Stagecoach") all directed segments of this series. Capra served as executive producer.

The series used peer pressure in an effort to get every American to "do their fair share" to help defeat the Third Reich - a noble goal but propaganda nonetheless.

Each segment of this seven-part series examines a different aspect of the war. Volume 6, "War Comes to America," was directed by Frank Capra and is undoubtedly the most moving portion of the series. Capra brilliantly compares and contrasts the war torn streets of Europe with life in the peaceful streets of the U.S. It shows Americans from all walks of life, soldier and civilian, happily doing their part for the war effort too. No objection to gas rationing here. The film declares, "Let our freedoms be endangered and we will fight."

In a true documentary film Capra would have shown the isolationist movement and those who opposed U.S. entry into World War II. However, this was a propaganda film done in conjunction with the U.S. government and designed to raise public support for the war so no such scenes exist.

"Why We Fight" won an Academy Award for Best Documentary in 1942. With the likes of Frank Capra, John Houston and John Ford involved, how could it not? Though the series is propaganda it still merits viewing and is well worth seeing. Like "The World At War," "Why We Fight" can be found at most major video chains.

## Paper and Bullets

"Ernie's War: The Best of Ernie Pyle's WWII Dispatches" is a compilation of the best work by the premiere newspaper correspondent of WWII. Pyle lived, ate and slept with the common soldier until his death in 1945 during the Okinawan campaign. His column contained some of the most intimate portraits of individual soldiers

found anywhere. Edited by David Nichols, "Ernie's War" is published by Simon & Schuster. Length: 419 pages. Price: \$8.95

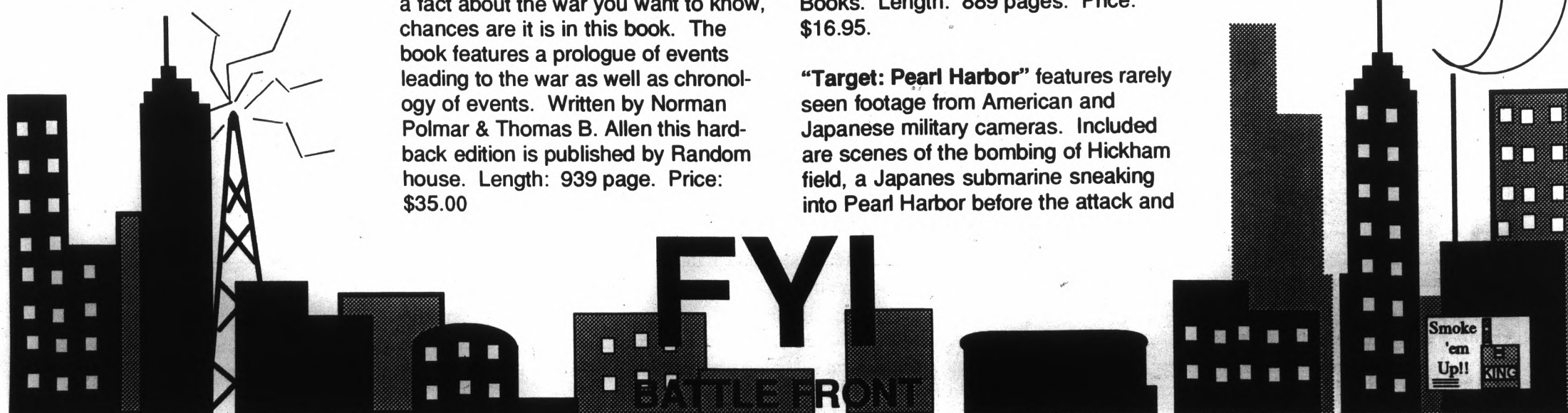
"World War II: America at War" contains over 2,400 facts on the battles, weapons, people, places and events of WWII. Find out such things as what Lt. George Bush, Lt. Richard Nixon and Lt. Cmdr. Lyndon B. Johnson did during the war. If there is a fact about the war you want to know, chances are it is in this book. The book features a prologue of events leading to the war as well as chronology of events. Written by Norman Polmar & Thomas B. Allen this hard-back edition is published by Random house. Length: 939 page. Price: \$35.00

"At Dawn We Slept: The Untold History of Pearl Harbor" is recognized as being one of the most comprehensive books published on WWII. Contains a lengthy section detailing the prelude to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, details of the actual war itself and it's aftermath. The narrative style helps make the book more appealing to the average reader. Written by Gordon W. Prange, this paperback is published by Penguin Books. Length: 889 pages. Price: \$16.95.

"Target: Pearl Harbor" features rarely seen footage from American and Japanese military cameras. Included are scenes of the bombing of Hickham field, a Japanese submarine sneaking into Pearl Harbor before the attack and

the view from a Japanese Zero as the pilot begins his bombing run. The video also recounts stories of American and Japanese survivors of the 116 minute historic battle. Produced by J2 Communications, this tape is a real buy at \$9.99.

-Compiled by  
F. Colin Kingston





## MUSIC NOTES

# The Sounds of the Season

A compilation of classic carols from Christmas's past, present and future

Reviewed by F. Colin Kingston  
el Don Style Editor

Completing your holiday music library can be a real challenge these days. Thanks to the compact disc revolution the number of new releases and remastered classic albums increases dramatically each year.

To help you get the most out of your music dollar el Don surveyed a wide variety of holiday albums available this season. Types of albums surveyed ranged from ones with traditional songs such as "Silent Night" to the more cynical albums with songs such as "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer."

All prices listed are for the compact disc versions of these albums. Each album mentioned can be found at Tower Records. Five stars is the top rating. 3 stars is average. Here, in no particular order, are the results of our survey.

"A Very Special Christmas" is for those who prefer the likes of Bon Jovi, U2, Bob Seiger and Bruce Springsteen to more traditional holiday artists such as Bing Crosby or Nat King Cole. In addition to featuring cover versions of holiday classics, this album features original compositions such as "Merry Christmas Baby" by Bruce Springsteen and "It's Christmas Baby, Please Come Home" by U2. Rock fans will find this an excellent addition to their collection.

Rating: \*\*\*\*  
Record Label: A&M Records  
Price: \$14.99

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" features the Vince Guaraldi Trio and is the soundtrack album from the popular Christmas television special of the same name. Its perfect blending of soft jazz and holiday music and is a welcome addition to any library. If this doesn't put you in a relaxing

mood for the holidays, nothing will. The album contains 12 selections, 11 of them an instrumental. The one drawback of the album is its length - only 41 minutes.

Rating: \*\*\*\*  
Record Label: Fantasy Records  
Price: \$13.99

"Nat King Cole: The Christmas Song" contains traditional songs such as "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Away in a Manger," and "Silent Night." With cd technology Cole's elegant voice is enhanced even further. The orchestral arrangements are first class, just what you'd expect from one of the greatest singers of all time.

Rating: \*\*\*\*\*  
Record Label: Capitol  
Price: \$9.99

"Johnny Mathis: For Christmas." Like Nat King Cole, Mathis' voice lends itself perfectly to holiday classics like "The Little Drummer Boy" and "The Lords Prayer." Unlike Cole's album, this one contains more modern songs such as "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

Rating: \*\*\*\*\*  
Record Label: CBS Records  
Price: \$9.99

"Fantasia." This two disc set isn't usually associated with holiday music, but it does contain "The Nutcracker Suite," a perennial holiday favorite. Other highlights are Beethoven's "Symphony No. 6," Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" and Bach's "Toccaata and Fugue in D Minor." Enjoyable at any time of the year, not just the holidays.

Rating: \*\*\*\*1/2  
Record Label: Buena Vista  
Price: \$20.99 (a real bargain for two cds)

"An Aruis Christmas with Kurt Bestor" is nothing but new age Christmas music. No vocals on this album, strictly instrumentals. Some versions of holiday classics like "Silent Night" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" are barely recognizable. The less said about this album the better.

Rating: \*\*1/2  
Record Label:

Price: \$11.99

"Jingle Bell Jazz," unlike "A Charlie Brown Christmas" proves jazz musicians don't always do the best cover versions of holiday songs. Some of the biggest names in jazz, including Duke Ellington, Lionel Hampton and Miles Davis, are featured here but their cover versions just don't make it. A big disappointment, especially considering the talent featured on this album.

Rating: \*\*  
Record Label: CBS Records  
Price: \$9.99

"Billboard Magazines Greatest Christmas Hits 1935-1954" and "Greatest Hits 1954-Present" features holiday songs which have topped the music charts over the years. Bing Crosby's "White Christmas," the most popular holiday song of all time, is featured on the 1935-1954 disc. Other songs featured on this disc include "All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth" by Spike Jones and "Christmas Island" by the Andrew Sisters and Guy Lombardo.

"Greatest Hits 1954-Present" features modern holiday favorites. Elmo and Patsy's version of "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" alone is almost worth the price of this disc.

Rating: 1935-1954 disc \*\*\*  
1954-Present disc \*\*\*\*1/2  
Record Label: Rhino Records  
Price: \$9.99 each

"Dr. Demento Presents the Greatest Christmas Novelty Songs of All Time" is for the cynic in all of us. Among its "highlights" is a trio of dogs barking to the tune of "Jingle Bells," "Santa Claus and His Old Lady" by Cheech and Chong and Stan Freeberg's spectacular spoof "Christmas Dragnet." The holidays can get to all of us at one time or another. This album offers great relief when they do.

Rating: \*\*\*\*  
Record Label: Rhino Records  
Price: \$13.99

Happy holidays. See you next semester in the pages of el Don!

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## THEY SAID IT...

"There were already some comments from kids saying they can't wait 'til next year. And that's what you've got to look for, that's what sports is all about"

-Don Head Coach  
Dave Ogas

## IT'S A FACT

The Don basketball team lost the Annual RSC Tip Off Tournament this year with a 74-73 loss to Chaffey College. It is the first time since 1983 that the Dons have not won.

F. Colin Kingston

## A reflection on the death of an athlete

When covering sporting events it is easy to become lost in the spectacle of it all. The suspense of watching a pitcher working on a no-hitter. The sheer excitement of watching your football team block the extra point and win the big game. Hearing the buzzer sound just as a desperation shot swooshes through the net. It is easy to forget these teams are made up of individuals and human beings. Then reality sounds.

Reality sounded on Nov. 23 as Lloyd Ape, a 19 year-old student and football player at RSC, died of complications resulting from pneumonia. He died just two days following the end of the regular season - a season which would be his last.

Ape was a linebacker on the RSC football team and expected to battle for a starting position on next year's team. Those who get too caught up in the game may worry about the affect Apes' death will have on next year's football team. To them, a potential starting linebacker is now gone from the lineup. There is a hole to fill.

The affect of Ape's death on the football team is inconsequential, however, when compared to the reality of the situation. The reality of the situation is that a young man died way too early. A young man died at a time in life before many of us begin to realize the wonders which lie ahead of us. His family will be mourning their loss while many of us are celebrating the holidays.

Events such as Ape's death helps remind us all that teams, no matter how great or poorly they play, are made up of human beings. The pitcher with the 100 mph fastball or the running back with 1,000 in the last three seasons can be gone in the blink of an eye.

Society tends to regard its athletes almost as indestructible super beings. In reality, they are as mortal as you or I and subject to the same tragedies.

The death of Lloyd Ape reminds us all that sports are more than spectacle. The death of Lloyd Ape also reminds us that athletes, no matter how talented, are merely human beings.

By Norma Orrins  
el Don Staff Writer

A shadow has already been cast this season on RSC's men's basketball team. Not a shadow of impending misfortune but rather the shadow of the monolithic success that the program has had over the last two years.

Under the guiding hand of Coach Dana Pagett the Dons have amassed two State Championships in as many seasons and produced a number of record shattering performances along the way.

However, despite the obvious prestige that these accomplishments bring the program they also place a heavy burden on the shoulders of this year's team.

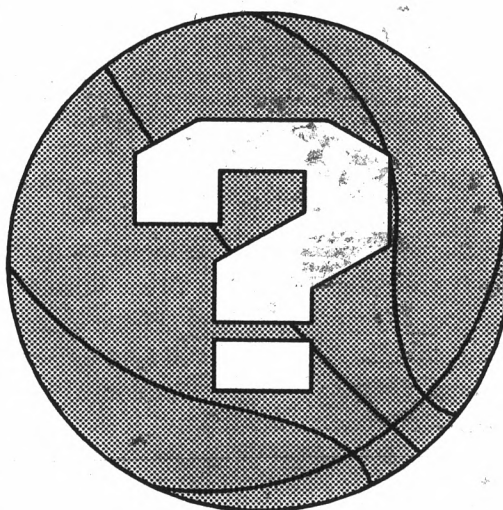
The Dons bent under the weight of this pressure in their first crack as keepers of the torch two weeks ago with a last minute one point loss in RSC's Annual Tip-Off Tournament to Chaffey College 74-73.

The annual season opener for RSC marked the first time in eight years that the Dons have not come away with the Tip-Off title.

In the first round of the tournament, the Dons, led by 6' 8" Forward Fred Amos' 21

## Hoops

## Will It Be Number Three



points and 9 boards, coasted to a 122-64 victory over El Toro MCAS. The 58 point margin of victory tied the team record set

in 1972 against San Diego City, they also equaled the mark of 63 boards that was set in 1976 against Cerritos. The Dons success however was short lived.

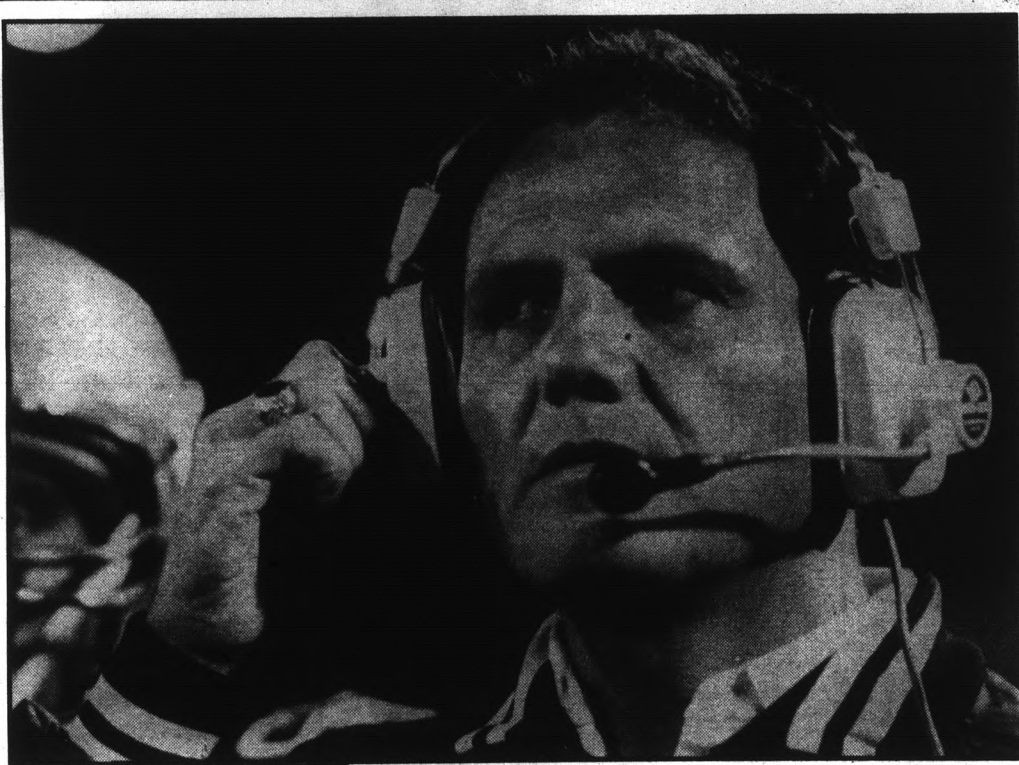
Round two, despite the scoring and rebounding (15 pts. 12 rebounds) of Center Rick Swanwick, saw the Dons falling one point short at the buzzer. RSC's loss allowed Chaffey College to walk away with both the 74-73 win and the tournament title.

The Dons however, would have a shot at redeeming themselves the following week in Chaffey's own tournament.

RSC breezed through the first game of the series with a 100-61 win over College of the Desert. In the next round of the tournament though the Dons would squeak by Golden West with a four point 102-98 victory thanks to a 30 point effort by Freshman Forward Ruben Oronoz out of Whittier Christian. Oronoz scored a total of 54 points and snatched 23 rebounds earning him tournament MVP honors while tying Brett Pagett's record set last season for three point makes and attempts with 7 for 11.

In the final round of the tourney RSC  
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## Learning from the past

Rancho Head Coach Dave Ogas examines his Dons' 2-8 season and looks ahead to next year

By Ev Phillips  
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Dave Ogas, Rancho Santiago Head Football Coach, had just seen the Dons wind up their 1991 season with a 2-8 record in the tough Mission Conference. Many agreed this was the best 2-8 team in recent memory. With a few breaks here and there, a little better

execution in key situations and some more healthy bodies to overcome a rash of injuries, Rancho could have finished 6-4 or at least 5-5. In this post-season interview, Ogas gives some insights into what happened and why he's looking forward to next year.

**Q. The team appeared to lack depth, especially on defense. Injuries to key**  
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## Don football player Lloyd Ape, 19, dies

RSC freshman Linebacker Lloyd Ape died in his home November 23 when complications arose from pneumonia.

Ape's (pronounced Ahpay) death came shortly after the completion of the Dons' 1991 regular season, most of which Ape served on the supplemental squad. According to coaches however, Ape was expected to challenge for a starting position next season.

"It was a shock to our players and coaches when we heard the news. Lloyd was such a nice young man and a strong young man who figured prominently into our plans next year," said Head Coach Dave Ogas.

Ape came to RSC from Santa Ana Valley High School where he was an All-Orange County and All-CIF Southern section defensive player in 1990. He was planning to pursue a career in accounting.

Funeral services were held Monday in Westminster. A fund to help defray the Ape family's costs has been established through the RSC Football Office. For more information, or to make contributions, the office can be reached at 564-6929.



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soundly defeated LA Trade Tech 108-86 taking the title. Again, Swanwick lead scorers with 29 and individual rebounds with 11.

Along with Oronoz Eric Dahl, a 5'11" sophomore guard, was named to the All-Tournament team. Dahl scored 41 points overall including a season high 21 against Golden West.

Now, with a record of 5-2 the Dons are in pursuit of their sixth consecutive Grossmont College Tournament title. With first round action taking place in San Diego.

Prior to the start of the season the Dons were ranked in a poll by

the JC Athletic Bureau as fourth in the state.

### OTHER HOOP NEWS

Oronoz' performance in the Chaffey Tournament earned him a selection as this week's Orange County Register's Community

College Athlete of the Week. Oronoz is the first RSC athlete this year to be so honored.

\*Two RSC freshmen, Jeff Layne and Sean Amos announced their election to redshirt this year and save their first year of eligibility for 1992-93. Layne is a 6-7" forward from Santa Margarita High and Amos, the younger brother of Fred is a 6-5" forward out of Foothill High.

PLAYER	GP	FGM-A/PCT	3FGM-A/PCT	FTM-A/PCT
E Oliver	4	7-11/.636	0-2/.000	0-1/.000
Torry	4	2-3/.667	0-1/.000	1-2/.500
Greene	7	26-51/.510	18-31/.581	24-31/.774
Dahl	7	29-65/.446	16-39/.410	18-20/.900
Bradach	4	8-17/.471	1-2/.500	10-13/.769
Ballesteros	7	25-46/.543	6-15/.400	2-3/.667
Hosler	7	7-26/.269	1-13/.077	9-11/.818
C Oliver	5	4-17/.235	0-0/.000	1-7/.143
Janeski	7	12-21/.571	0-0/.000	12-17/.706
Swanwick	5	31-64/.484	0-0/.000	14-22/.636
Moore	6	11-22/.500	0-0/.000	7-11/.636
Oronoz	7	50-84/.595	16-31/.516	8-11/.727
Cole	7	18-39/.462	11-24/.458	11-16/.688
F Amos	6	10-18/.556	0-0/.000	12-28/.429



## RSC Basketball Log

DATE	RESULT
11-15	RSC (1-0) 97/ Mira Costa 76
11-16	Canyons 87/ RSC (1-1) 76
*11-22	RSC (2-1) 122/ El Toro MC 64
*11-23	Chaffey 74/ RSC (2-2) 73
#11-27	RSC (3-2) 100/ Desert 61
#11-29	RSC (4-2) 102/ Golden West 98
#11-30	RSC (5-2) 108/ Trade Tech 86

\* RSC Tip Off Tourney (2nd Place)  
# Chaffey College Tourney (1st Place)

## Open track meet scheduled

RSC's Athletic Department will be hosting two open entry track and field meets at John Ward Field on December 7 and 14 at 10 a.m.

Divisions will include high school, community college and university/ open classes with events in 60, 300, 600, 1200 and 3000 meters, 60-meter hurdles, 1600-meter relay, long jump, triple jump, pole

vault, javelin, high jump, shot put and discus.

The fee for the All-Comers Meet is \$3 and all competitors will be given official times or marks.

For more information contact the RSC Track and Field Office at 564-6934.

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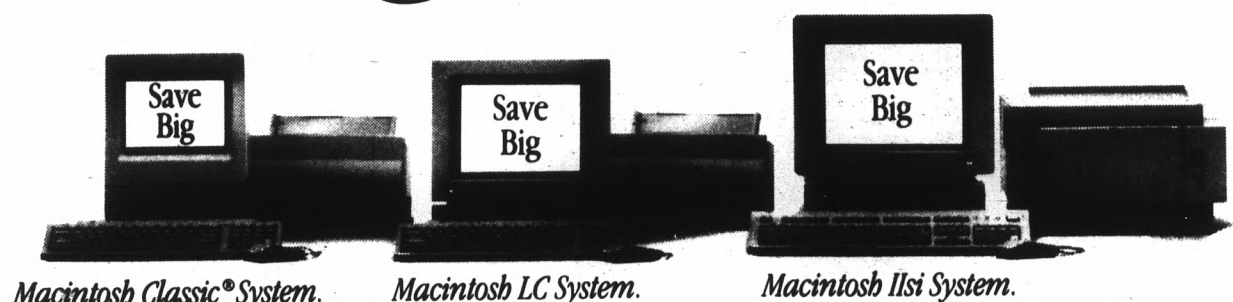
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"These were good kids, they did what we asked them to do, they were fun to be around.." - Dave Ogas

really exposed that lack of depth. Is that a fair statement?

A. Actually, we had a lack of depth on both sides of the ball. Defensively, we went through a three or four game stretch when we didn't have Scott Strini or Gary Bladow, so that hurt us. I think a lack of depth on defense might show itself a little bit more because you've got to run a lot. In our attacking style of defense where we've really got to make things happen, it might have magnified itself a little more. Injury-wise, we haven't had a season like this in a long time. I haven't really evaluated how many players missed games, but there were a lot. We lost Rich Fanti for the Long Beach game and then Scott Strini, Gary Bladow, Bill Hahn and Alex Ripley in the middle of the season. Starting left tackle Danny Alo went down about the seventh game of the season and never returned. We were pretty much injury-free in the offensive line, so that helped. When I talk about depth, we usually carry around 13 or 14 players in the offensive line, but this year I think we were right around 10. So we were a little thin there. Losing Danny Alo, a strong physical 300-pounder at left tackle, made us even thinner. Losing Alex Ripley in the backfield also hurt us. One of areas where we had some depth and stayed pretty healthy was our receiver corps, which was really a big part of the offense.

Q. How would you rate the overall performance in each of the following areas:

The offensive backfield?

A. I think the offensive backfield was a pleasant surprise. Kendrick Isles was a real journeyman back there and did a great job. A nice surprise was the work Kevin Gillian, a freshman, did for us. Juan Valle was another pleasant surprise and he'll be back next year too. As a group, they really really came along well. A lot of the credit for that belongs to Mark Dye, a new coach for us this year. Kendrick is the only player we're losing from that group, so we're excited there.

The offensive line?

A. Our offensive line was a real stable group through the whole season. Gerard Rice, Ryan Tieck, Loren Ragland, Gary Wright and Tony Gonzalez - our only starting freshman - all did an excellent job.

The receivers?

A. Our receivers were a very consistent group through the whole season. Trent Julian had his great catches, played his great games, and was the guy who stood out. But Mo Dixon and Ricky Robinson and Andre Roberson all played

well. Andre came on toward the end of the season and is the only returner we have in that group. All the others are sophomores. Tight ends Tony Pena and Dirk Larson both did an outstanding job for us all season.

The defensive line?

A. Isaac Alo was the stabilizing guy in there, the real solid rock that played the entire season and didn't get hurt. We were able to surround him with Bill Hahn and J.R. Sauni, and then Kaio Aumua when Bill got hurt. Kaio really came into his own after about the second game, and we started thinking, boy, that guy's just hell on wheels. He's just a freshman, not very big, but he's a great player who played with tremendous intensity. J.R. is another freshman who got a lot of experience but was hobbled around the middle of the season with an ankle injury. Cameron Adams and Mike Williams came in and took up the slack when some of the other guys got hurt. In the last two games Chad Robbins ended up starting and he did a good job too. So our defensive line was a very stabilizing part of our defense.

The linebackers?

A. We just had so many people playing different positions in there that it was real hard for them to get any continuity. The guy that really came into his own this year as a freshman was Nick Petronis. Once he earned a starting position he never gave it up and really took a leadership role. Scott Strini also had a good season despite a sprained ankle and came back and played the kind of ball we know he's capable of. He's one of our big-time guys, a big-time prospect. Damon Bland was in and out of the lineup with a bad knee but still had a good season. Alofa Vaeena was another kid that looked real steady on the outside and gave us a lot of stability. But it seemed we were always moving guys around and there was no continuity there, which really hurt us.

The defensive backs?

A. Again, a lack of depth back there just killed us. Bryan Corbin missed a few games with a

bad shoulder and arm. Gary Bladow was also in and out of the lineup with a bad shoulder. Mike Jennings left the team after the seventh or eighth game of the season. Mike Greene was a real Steady Eddie who we could count on week in and week out to do a good job for us. Acen Chiles came on and did real well as a

starting cornerback. But when Acen had an asthma attack just before the last game against Saddleback, we were down to four DBs. Scott Nelson started three or four games for us and also did a good job. He's a real competitor with good speed who can get the job done and he'll be back next year.

The special teams?

A. We didn't start out very well - poorly, in fact - and I think that was more our fault as coaches, so we made some adjustments. The special teams came on real strong the last five games of the season. But because of injuries to different players we were shuttling people in and out and moving them around constantly. Overall, though, the kids did a good job.

The kicking game?

A. David Knorr did a great job for us this year. I know he didn't get the field goal attempts that he would have liked, but he was a steady guy that we could depend on. Snapper Joe Love did a great job the whole season. So kicking was a real solid part of our game.

Q. Which sophomores have the best chance to move on?

A. We have several kids who have a chance to continue at the four-year level. Defensively first, Scott Strini. He's a top prospect. Gary Bladow and Isaac Alo are also very recruitable athletes. Bill Hahn may not go up to the Division I level but will definitely be a top division two player. He'd be a Division I if he was just a little bit bigger. Mike Greene has a chance to go on and play, so does Damon Bland. Alofa Vaeena has a chance as an outside linebacker. David Knorr has a good chance to move on as a kicker. Offensively, Richard Fanti, obviously. He and Trent Julian are outstanding players that really have a chance to go on to play major college ball. Kendrick Isles could play some Division II ball. On the offensive line we have some good prospects like Gerard Rice, Ryan Tieck, Loren Ragland, Tony Pena and Dirk Larson.

Q. Which of the returning players impressed you the most with their progress this season?

A. I have to start with Kaio Aumua. He had a great season for us. Nick Petronis on the linebacker corps. We knew Acen Chiles was going to be a pretty good player and he was. Another pleasant surprise was Scott Nelson in the sec-

ondary. Those are the kids to watch defensively. Offensively, Kevin Gillian impressed us with his toughness. Tony Gonzales came into his own as an offensive lineman and is a big physical kid. Alex Ripley didn't really have a chance to prove himself because of injuries but he's going to be a good one.

Q. Based on what you know about the returning players, what are your recruiting priorities and how will you go about it?

A. Every position is a priority. And not because we don't have good players coming back but because we need more depth. Last year we just didn't have a real good recruiting year. This year we're starting much earlier. We go about it in a very organized fashion. Each assistant coach is assigned at least one, possibly two high schools, and they will know everything there is to know about players on that team. Later on, after all the contacts have been made, we'll break it up into position recruiting.

Q. Despite the team's 2-8 record, you always said this was a special group. What are some of the memories you have of these players?

A. These were good kids, they did what we asked them to do, they were fun to be around and they had a good attitude. I walked into the locker room Saturday night after the Saddleback game - rather, I walked by the locker room because I was checking on some things - and here's a team that had been beaten 31-7 and had a 2 and 8 season, yet they were in there chanting "Rancho! Rancho! Rancho!" So that tells me something about the kids that they enjoyed being here. You know, a lot of kids, when they go through a 2 and 8 season, can't wait to get their gear turned in and get out of here and say, "Hey, that was one of the worst experiences I've ever had in my life." So as a coach, that makes you feel good, going through this with kids like we have. There were already some comments from kids saying they can't wait 'til next year. And that's what you've got to look for, that's what sports is all about.

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